

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Antelope Valley Area Plan Update

REQUEST:

- 1) Adopt Advance Planning No. 2007-00019-(5);
- 2) Adopt Zone Change No. 2014-00009-(5);
- 3) Adopt Advance Planning No. 2014-00009-(5);
- 4) Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project - Environmental Assessment No. 2014-00021-(5), and adopt the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

LOCATION: Unincorporated Antelope Valley

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RPC HEARING DATE: September 27, 2014

RPC RECOMMENDATION: Board public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed Antelope Valley Updates and associated Zone changes and amendments to Title 22 of the County Code and certification of the Final EIR for the Project.

MEMBERS VOTING AYE: Commissioners Shell, Louie, Pedersen and Modugno

MEMBERS VOTING NAY: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Valadez

MEMBERS ABSTAINING: None

KEY ISSUES:

- Availability of adequate water supplies
- Effects on the future development and regulation of utility-scale solar farms
- Concerns regarding the expansion of the Antelope Valley Planning Area to include all of the Acton CSD, which includes areas currently in the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan.

- Effects of the Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) on Single Family Residences
- Concerns about the growth-inducing and urban sprawl effects of the Economic Opportunity Areas (EOAs)

MAJOR POINTS FOR:

- Achieves a balance between growth and preservation
- Guides development to appropriate areas (EOAs) and away from safety hazards and other constraints
- Extensive community outreach has been conducted in the development of the Plan.
- Incorporates the proposed development of the High Desert Corridor and the Northwest 138 Corridor Improvement Project, which will result in a better west-east movement of goods and traffic between Interstates 5 and 15

MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:

- Up-zoning parcels from A-1 to A-2 will encourage more utility-scale solar farms in the Antelope Valley
- Expansion of SEA boundaries may discourage development in these areas
- EOAs may induce inappropriate growth and urban sprawl in the Antelope Valley

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS

ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN UPDATE

On September 27, 2014, the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) conducted a public hearing at the Antelope Valley College Performing Arts Theater to consider a comprehensive update of the 1986 Antelope Valley Areawide General Plan (Area Plan). The proposed Area Plan Update includes the repeal of the 1986 Area Plan and adoption of a comprehensive updated Antelope Valley Area Plan (proposed Area Plan) for the unincorporated Antelope Valley. This also includes an updated Land Use Policy Map, along with amendments to the General Plan for consistency with the Area Plan, as well as a rezoning of properties within the Project Area for consistency with the proposed Area Plan. Finally, the update also includes amendments to Title 22 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) for consistency with the proposed Area Plan.

Staff presented the proposed Area Plan Update to the Commission at their September 27, 2014 public hearing. Approximately 500 people attended the hearing, with about 70 people testifying.

The Commission closed the public hearing and adopted a resolution to the Board of Supervisors (Board). The resolution recommended the approval of the proposed Area Plan Update (Advance Planning No. 2007-00019-(5)), with the accompanying zone changes (Zone Change No. 2014-00009-(5)) and zoning code amendments (Advance Planning No. 2014-00009-(5)), to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioners Shell, Louie, Pedersen and Modugno voted aye. Commissioner Valadez was absent.